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Traces of ancient mafic layers in the Tethys oceanic mantle

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ABSTRACT

Oceanic basalts are formed by melting of a chemically and isotopically heterogeneous mantle source. The oceanic mantle probably resembles a marble cake containing layers of mafic rock - perhaps recycled ocean crust – stored in the mantle for >1 billion years. Many questions about the nature and distribution of these mantle heterogeneities remain. Here we show that lithological and isotopic traces of ancient mafic layers can still be seen in mantle rocks that have melted to form oceanic crust at a spreading centre in the Tethys Ocean. We have found centimetre-scale heterogeneity in initial osmium isotope ratios in mantle rocks from the Pindos Ophiolite. Deformed pyroxenite layers have high $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios (0.14-0.20) compared to adjacent host peridotites ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$: 0.12-0.13). These layers were formed by a reaction between mantle rock and melt derived from ancient rocks with high Re/Os ratios. We interpret the pyroxenite layers as the wall rocks of billion-year old mafic layers that melted and transformed mantle peridotite into pyroxenite by melt-rock reaction. The pyroxenite layers are the melting residue of ancient metre-scale basaltic veins in a kilometre-sized marble cake domain in the oceanic mantle that has withstood homogenization on a billion-year time scale.

1. Introduction

The chemical and isotopic compositions of ocean island basalts (OIB) and mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB) show that their source, the convecting oceanic mantle, is remarkably heterogeneous (e.g., Hofmann, 1997). The oceanic mantle probably contains unhomogenized domains of extensively melted mantle that record an ancient, Proterozoic and Archean melting history (Meibom *et al.*, 2002; Harvey *et al.*, 2006; Pearson *et al.*, 2007; Liu *et al.*, 2008; Dijkstra *et al.*, 2010). Moreover, it is widely assumed that the oceanic mantle contains layers of basaltic composition, possibly subducted oceanic crust, in the form of eclogitic or granulitic pyroxenites (Hofmann & White, 1982; Allègre & Turcotte, 1986; Morishita *et al.*, 2004; Kogiso *et al.*, 2004; Donnelly *et al.*, 2004; Meibom *et al.*, 2004; Sobolev *et al.*, 2007). This notion has led to the coining of the phrase ‘marble cake mantle’ (Allègre & Turcotte, 1986). Melting of a mixed peridotite-pyroxenite source underneath ocean islands and mid-ocean ridges can explain the composition of OIB and MORB (Hirschmann & Stolper, 1996; Niu & Batiza, 1997; Kogiso *et al.*, 2004; Donnelly *et al.*, 2004; Sobolev *et al.*, 2007; Lassiter *et al.*, 2000). Pyroxenite layers are also the most common lithological heterogeneities in mantle xenoliths and in peridotite massifs derived from the subcontinental lithospheric mantle (Jacob *et al.*, 2005; Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Downes, 2007; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010). These continental mantle pyroxenites are generally interpreted as high-pressure magmatic veins (Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Downes, 2007), but some may represent ancient

recycled ocean crust (Blichert-Toft *et al.*, 1999; Morishita *et al.*, 2004; Jacob *et al.*, 2005), or veins made from melts derived from recycled oceanic material (Pearson *et al.*, 1993; Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Downes, 2007; Bodinier *et al.*, 2008; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010; Montanini *et al.*, 2012).

Critically, the presence of isotopic heterogeneities associated with geologically old basaltic (mafic) lithologies in the oceanic mantle has not been confirmed directly in oceanic mantle rocks, even though it is a requirement of basalt petrogenesis models (e.g., Hirschmann & Stolper, 1996; Sobolev *et al.*, 2007). In contrast to continental mantle, oceanic mantle is continuously stirred by convection, and the discovery of distinct ancient unhomogenized pyroxenite layers would place important limits on the effectiveness of this stirring in homogenizing the mantle. Samples of fossil oceanic mantle are widely available and easily accessible in ophiolites. Mantle pyroxenites are common in ophiolites, but so far it has never been shown that any of these are residues of ancient mantle heterogeneities that were present during partial melting at depth, *i.e.*, mantle heterogeneities that contributed to basalt production. It is commonly assumed that ophiolitic mantle pyroxenites are late-stage igneous products of mantle melts that crystallized in the oceanic lithosphere at a spreading centre or off-axis (e.g., Dantas *et al.*, 2007). It is also widely believed that mafic mantle heterogeneities, if present, melt out completely during mantle upwelling underneath spreading centres (Allègre & Turcotte, 1986).

We have tested whether lithological and isotopic relics of the marble cake mantle may have been preserved in

refractory mantle rocks from a ridge system. In our study we used the Re-Os radiogenic isotope system, because, due to the compatible behaviour of the daughter element Os and the long half-life of 42 Ga (Smoliar *et al.*, 1996), the ^{187}Re - ^{188}Os decay system is well-suited to study mantle rocks and has the potential to 'look through' recent melting and other ridge processes into the older mantle source history.

2. Geological setting

2.1. The Dramala Complex, Greece

We have carried out a field and geochemical study focusing on the Dramala Complex (figure 1), the uppermost of the main thrust sheets that make up the Mesozoic Pindos Ophiolite in Northern Greece. The Dramala Complex is dominated by mantle rocks, but an undisturbed intrusive contact with plutonic, mostly cumulate rocks with MORB-characteristics is locally preserved (Rassios & Moores, 2006). The Dramala Complex tectonically overlies another major thrust sheet, the Aspropotamos Complex, and the contact is marked by slivers of metamorphic sole rocks (see also figure SI-1 in supplementary information). The Aspropotamos Complex chiefly consists of plutonic and volcanic rocks with MORB, island arc tholeiite and boninitic affinities, and has therefore clear supra-subduction zone characteristics (Jones *et al.*, 1991; Saccani and Photiades, 2004; Pe-Piper *et al.*, 2004). Both the Dramala Complex and the Aspropotamos Complex overlie an ophiolitic melange unit, the Avdella Melange (Jones *et al.*, 1991). The melange unit also contains some smaller bodies of (serpentinised) mantle rocks, possibly with supra-subduction zone affinities, but these have not been included in our study.

The Dramala mantle rocks are, however, representative for typical abyssal peridotites (*i.e.*, residues of MORB-source mantle) with regards to their moderately refractory character. Spinel Cr-numbers, *i.e.*, molar ratios of $100\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{Al})$, in harzburgites are 30-55 (Pelletier *et al.*, 2008), corresponding to moderate to moderately-high degrees (14-18%) of near-fractional melting and melt extraction according to the relation of Hellebrand *et al.* (2001). Generally, spinel Cr-numbers > 60 are considered indicative of mantle that melted to high-degrees in supra-subduction zone environments in the presence of a hydrous melt or aqueous fluid (*e.g.*, Pearce, 2003). Importantly, Pelletier and co-workers (2008) showed that B (as well as Li and Be) concentrations in Dramala mantle rocks and in primary mantle minerals are identical to those in abyssal peridotites, ruling out any significant imprint of supra-subduction zone hydrous fluid input or of fluid flux-melting. Moreover, the Dramala Complex has no economically significant chromitite deposits, unlike typical ophiolites formed or strongly modified in supra-subduction zone spreading environments (Rassios & Moores, 2006; Brenker *et al.*, 2003; Büchl *et al.*, 2004).

Constraints on the age of melting and igneous activity at the Mesozoic spreading centre recorded in the Dramala peridotites, are indirect. Zircons from a plagiogranite from a block of plutonic rocks in the Avdella Melange Unit were dated at 171.3 ± 3.1 Ma by means of U-Pb SHRIMP dating (Liati *et al.*, 2004). As this sample is not from the Dramala Complex, it is unclear how this age relates to the age of melting of the Dramala peridotites. Metamorphic rocks that line the sole thrusts of the different thrust sheets in the Pindos Ophiolite, including that of the Dramala Complex, have been dated using Ar-Ar methods at 167 ± 4 Ma (see Smith, 1993). As these ages are interpreted as the start of the ophiolite emplacement process, they give a minimum age for the age of melting in the Dramala mantle. Throughout the paper, an age of 170 Ma is assumed for the age corrections of the reported isotope measurements. Assuming a slightly older (*i.e.*, late-Triassic, see figure SI-1 in supplementary information) age for the age of mantle melting would not change the conclusions in this paper.

2.2. Mantle layering in the Dramala Complex

Our studies have focused on a km-sized structural domain with predominantly coarse-grained mantle tectonites, immediately SE of a km-scale mantle shear zone and 1-2 km below the crust-mantle boundary in the NE part of the Dramala Massif (figure 1b). This domain is characterised by peridotites with olivine recrystallized grain sizes of 2-10 mm and well-organized olivine substructures, *i.e.*, with straight, widely-spaced subgrain boundaries and without undulose extinction. These microstructures are indicative of low stress (<10 MPa) mantle flow at temperatures around or above the peridotite solidus (*e.g.*, Ceuleneer & Rabinowicz, 1992) without any significant overprint of lower temperature deformation. At several localities in this domain, a distinctive 'mantle layering' has been preserved, consisting of 2-15 cm thick alternating layers of dunite, pyroxene-poor and pyroxene-rich harzburgite, and concordant pyroxenite, all transposed parallel to the mantle deformation fabric (figure 2a-c). The high-temperature mantle flow fabrics are the earliest deformation structures that we observed in the Dramala Complex, which makes the mantle layering the structurally oldest observed feature in the mantle. The mantle layering is cut by a suite of 2 cm to 10 m wide discordant, late-stage pyroxenites with cumulate textures (figure 2c). The mantle layering is also cut and deformed by a km-wide shear zone made of mylonitic mantle rocks (figure 1b) that is probably associated with the earliest emplacement of the Dramala Complex. The late-stage cumulate pyroxenites are seen to cross-cut mylonitic mantle rocks, and are thus structurally distinct from the older pyroxenites which are part of the mantle layering.

Pyroxenites from the early mantle layering are websterites consisting predominantly of orthopyroxene, with additionally 10-20% modal clinopyroxene, 10-35% olivine, 1-3% spinel, and 0-3% (Fe,Ni,Cu)-sulfide. These concordant websterites are very refractory, with 0.7-3.6

mass% Al_2O_3 and 0.5-0.9 mass% Cr_2O_3 (see supplementary data table SI-1). At the thin section scale, olivine is concentrated in mm-scale peridotite enclaves with irregular outlines within the pyroxenites, in cases rimmed by clinopyroxene-rich margins. Orthopyroxene grains within the pyroxenites contain abundant inclusions of clinopyroxene, olivine, and olivine+clinopyroxene. These inclusions form orientation families, and inclusions belonging to the same orientation family can be seen in adjacent orthopyroxene crystals (figure 2d). These textures indicate crystallization of clinopyroxene followed by formation of orthopyroxene at the expense of olivine and clinopyroxene. These textures are unlike typical igneous crystallization textures in cumulate pyroxenites. Instead, the textures clearly suggest that the concordant pyroxenites are replacive products of melt-rock reactions between peridotite and pyroxene-saturated melts. Such replacive origins have also been proposed for several types of pyroxenites in continental and in sub-arc mantle massifs (Burg *et al.*, 1998; Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Berly *et al.*, 2006; Garrido *et al.*, 2007; Bodinier *et al.*, 2008; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010; Lambart *et al.*, 2012; Marchesi *et al.*, 2013).

3. Analytical methods

Highly altered zones were removed from the samples with a diamond disc saw. Pyroxenites were cut from the enclosing peridotites with a diamond disc saw and cut into 5-10 cm pieces; the outer 3-5 mm contact zones of the pyroxenites with the enclosing peridotites were not included in the pyroxenite sample. Cut blocks were then cleaned in an ultrasonic bath in distilled water for at least 30 minutes to remove contaminations from the saw blade.

To make powders we used a two-step approach. The first step was to crush the sample to <3mm sized fragments by means of a high-voltage pulsed process for selective fragmentation ("SelFrag", Kerzers, Switzerland) at the University of Bern, Switzerland. A typical 1-3 kg sample immersed in water is fractured by frequent (c. 100-300 pulses) 125-135 kV electrical pulses. The size of the resulting fragments is controlled by a metal grid in the base of the upper sample vessel, through which the fragments fall into a plastic sample bag in the lower sample container. This method drastically reduces the amount of metal contamination compared to conventional crushing techniques using a jaw-crusher. However, very small metal particles (<100 μm), often in the form of spherules, coming from the cathode, were found in the crushate. These were removed by sieving and discarding the <100 μm fraction. The second step was to mill the crushed sample to a fine powder using an agate puck-and-ring mill. Whole rock major and minor element concentrations were determined by XRF analysis at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratio and Ru, Rh, Pd, Re, Ir, Pt concentrations in peridotites and pyroxenites were determined using the method of isotope dilution described by Meisel *et al.* (2003) on a quadrupole ICP mass-

spectrometer (HP 7500, Agilent Technologies) at the Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria. All solutions were prepared with ultra-pure water (Milli-Q, Millipore Cooperation). For analyses we used sub-boiled GR 30 % (m/m) hydrochloric and 65 % (m/m) nitric acids (Merck, Darmstadt). Two grams ($\pm 10\%$) of fine powdered samples were transferred into 50 ml quartz glass beakers, with the addition of a ^{99}Ru , ^{108}Pd , ^{185}Re , ^{190}Os , ^{191}Ir , ^{198}Pt mixed spike, and dissolved in a mixture of 5 ml HNO_3 and 2 ml HCl . Vials were closed leak-proof with Teflon tape and a quartz glass lid. In one digestion run, five samples, plus one reference material (i.e., Certified PGE Reference Material Diabase Rock Material TDB-1 (CANMET), Reference Materials komatiite OKUM (IAG) and dunite GAS (CGL), and one blank, were dissolved in a High Pressure Asher (HPA) system (Anton Paar – Perkin-Elmer Instruments, Graz) at 300°C and at a pressure of 125 bar for four hours. Vials were weighed before and after entering HPA, to assess mass loss. After cooling of the solutions, the Os isotope ratio and concentration were measured as volatile OsO_4 , which was sparged directly into the ICP-MS following the method of Hassler *et al.* (2000). The bias and precision of the Os isotope ratio measurements were monitored with 1 ng in total of LOsST Os solution also sparged into the instrument. Repeated measurement of this interlaboratory comparison material gave in average 0.1069 with an intermediate precision standard deviation of less than 1 %, which was considered fit-for-the purpose. The residue was centrifuged and dried down on a hot plate. Subsequently, 1.5 ml $0.1 \text{ mol l}^{-1} \text{ HCl}$ was added and the solution was heated. The solution was filtered and 1-1.5 ml of the solution was introduced into a cation-exchange resin column (Dowex AG50Wx8 200-400 mesh, Fluka, Switzerland). The column with a ca. 13 ml volume (1m long, 4.2 mm diameter tube) was under pressurized (2 bar) to ensure the passing of sample through the resin. The exit was connected directly to the tubing system of the peristaltic pump of the mass spectrometer. For analyses a quartz nebulizer and Ni cones were used.

At the beginning and at the end of each analysis an internal standard solution containing all PGE and Re was measured, then a column blank to monitor the background values (usually about 50 counts s^{-1}). Subsequently, the sample was introduced into the column. The elution of PGE's and Re typically took about 30 minutes. Peaks for other elements (ZrO, Cd, Hg and others) that could cause interferences on PGE and Re in the ICP-MS appeared much later. By monitoring it is possible to take just the interference-free part of the signal for the subsequent concentration calculations. Concentrations were calculated on different isotope ratios: for Ru: $^{101}\text{Ru}/^{99}\text{Ru}$ and $^{102}\text{Ru}/^{99}\text{Ru}$; for Pd: $^{105}\text{Pd}/^{108}\text{Pd}$, $^{106}\text{Pd}/^{108}\text{Pd}$ and $^{105}\text{Pd}/^{106}\text{Pd}$; for Re: $^{187}\text{Re}/^{185}\text{Re}$; for Os: $^{192}\text{Os}/^{190}\text{Os}$; for Ir: $^{193}\text{Ir}/^{191}\text{Ir}$ and for Pt: $^{194}\text{Pt}/^{198}\text{Pt}$, $^{195}\text{Pt}/^{198}\text{Pt}$. This procedure has the advantage compared to other methods that on-line monitoring is possible, and that sample preparation work is relatively simple, allowing for instance to keep the blanks as low as the acid blanks used by HPA digestion.

Measurement uncertainties of the average of 7 independent concentration measurement of TDB-1 were found to be less 15% relative. Concentrations of Os, Ir and Ru are not certified but compare very well with published ID-MS data. Too few data exists for OKUM to compare to our data set. As the HSE concentrations in our samples are generally in the 1-20 ng/g range, the combined uncertainty for measurement for all HSE in this range is estimated to be less than 15% relatively.

To test for any bias of the method described above with respect to other methods, we also analyzed a small sample sub-set using a modified 'conventional' measurement procedure, described by Birck *et al.* (1997) and Rehkamper *et al.* (1997). Repeated sample measurements on Br-extracted Os isotopes were measured on a Triton (Thermo) Negative-ion Thermal Ionization Mass spectrometer (N-TIMS), and PGE and Re concentrations were measured on single-collector Element-2 (Thermo) ICP-MS, both in the Centre of Isotope Research in St.-Petersburg, Russia. For analyses, Merck analytical grade and suprapure acids were used, which were further purified 2-3 times by sub-boiling and bottle-to-bottle procedures. Two gram sample powders and 300 mg ^{185}Re - ^{190}Os and 300 mg ^{191}Ir - ^{101}Ru - ^{198}Pt - ^{106}Pd tracer were added together. After addition of 3 ml 11 mol/l HCl, samples were frozen by -20°C . Subsequently, 7 ml 14 mol/l HNO_3 was added. As in the previous case the samples were dissolved in 90 ml quartz glass vials in a high-pressure asher at 300°C , 125 bars for 16 hours. Os was reduced by a bromine extraction and microdistillation. After digestion samples were poured into 60 ml Savillex Teflon beakers with the addition of 1 ml bromine and left for one hour on a shaker. Br was drawn off by a pipette and evaporated with the addition of 1 ml conc. HBr. Subsequently, the sample was transferred in one drop of acetone onto a lid inside of a conic Savillex Teflon beaker and evaporated again. Subsequently, one drop of 40 % (m/m) sodium dichromate in 12 mol/l H_2SO_4 was added, while 5 μl conc. HBr was stored on the conic part of the beaker. The vial was left cone-up for four hours on a hot plate to concentrate Os in the HBr microdrop. For measurements, Os in form of bromides was transferred onto Pt tapes together with 0.2 μl $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2\text{-NaOH}$ emitter. An installation for oxygen inlet ($P = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ bar) to the mass spectrometer chamber and cooling by liquid nitrogen were used under a vacuum of $7 \cdot 10^{-8}$ bar. Temperature of tape heating was at $730\text{-}750^\circ\text{C}$.

The solution with the remaining platinum group elements and Re passed through a 2 ml ion-exchange column (1x8 AG BioRad, 100-200 mesh). The fractions were collected in series: Ru in 10 ml 11 mol/l HCl; Re in 14 ml 4 mol/l HNO_3 ; Pd 10 ml 10 mol/l HNO_3 ; Ir and Pt in 14 ml 14 mol/l HNO_3 . Once collected, the fractions were evaporated and transferred into 2 ml of 3 % (m/m) HNO_3 .

For analyses a quartz nebulizer and Ni cones were used. Measurements were run on the middle resolution in dynamic regime. For mass-bias correction the following elements with 1 $\mu\text{g/g}$ concentration each were added: Mo for Ru, Ag for Pd, Ir and Re. Isotope ratios used for cor-

rection: $^{95}\text{Mo}/^{97}\text{Mo} = 1.6670$, $^{107}\text{Ag}/^{109}\text{Ag} = 1.0764$, $^{191}\text{Ir}/^{193}\text{Ir} = 0.5949$, $^{195}\text{Pt}/^{194}\text{Pt} = 1.026238$. ^{198}Pt was corrected for ^{198}Hg on ^{199}Hg . Analytical blanks were at: Re – 0.15 ng, Os – 0.02 ng, Ru – 0.07 ng, Pd – 0.27 ng, Ir – 0.05 ng, Pt – 0.06 ng. Precision of element concentration measurements on duplicated samples were 1-6%, and 0.5-1% for the $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratio measurements.

4. Results – Os isotopic mantle heterogeneity

Highly Siderophile Elements (HSE, *i.e.*, Os, Ir, Ru, Pt, Pd, Re) and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratios were measured in whole rock samples of concordant pyroxenite. For comparison, we also analyzed peridotite, as well as samples from late-stage, cross-cutting cumulate pyroxenite dykes. Results (table 1) show that concentrations of the compatible, Ir-like Platinum Group Elements (IPGE, *i.e.*, Os, Ir, Ru) in concordant pyroxenites are high, similar to or up to three times higher than in peridotite (figure 3a,b). Some concordant pyroxenites also have peridotite-like Pt, Pd and Re concentrations, but most concordant pyroxenites show a variable enrichment in these more incompatible HSE, correlated with the observed abundance of secondary sulfides. Elevated Pt and Pd concentrations in concordant pyroxenite layers are not generally correlated with elevated IPGE concentrations, and there is evidence that Pt and Pd are 'decoupled' from the IPGE, and are probably hosted by different phases (see figure SI-2 and figure caption for some discussion). The two cross-cutting pyroxenite dykes have markedly different HSE concentration patterns from the peridotites and concordant pyroxenites, with very low concentrations of IPGE, high Pt, but low Re.

Peridotite samples without obvious mantle layering and peridotites from composite peridotite-pyroxenite samples have chondritic to subchondritic (Meisel *et al.*, 1996) $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios (0.1207-0.1291) that are similar to slightly lower than values found in other Mesozoic ophiolites (figure 3c-d; Walker *et al.*, 2002). The two cross-cutting pyroxenites have peridotite-like $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios (0.1256-0.1308), suggesting that they formed by crystallization from peridotite-derived melt. This type of pyroxenite is therefore interpreted as cumulate formed at the ridge system. Because of low Re/Os ratios, corrections to the age of the ophiolite (170 Ma) are minor.

In contrast, the concordant pyroxenites are all supra-chondritic ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}=0.1418\text{-}0.1980$), markedly more radiogenic than the samples of enclosing peridotite (figure 3), in many cases taken only centimetres away. The lowest value is found in a very thin (0.5 cm) pyroxenite. Some of the sulfide-bearing concordant pyroxenites have elevated Re/Os ratios, but the Os isotope ratios of the peridotites and the pyroxenite layers calculated back to 170 Ma, expressed in table 1 as $\gamma\text{Os}(170)$ (*i.e.*, percent deviation from a chondritic mantle reservoir), show that peridotites and concordant pyroxenites had different initial Os isotope ratios at that time. $\gamma\text{Os}(170)$ is typically negative for peridotites, whereas values for pyroxenites are in the range +9.4 to +47.9. Clearly, the radiogenic

character of the pyroxenites was not produced by radiogenic ingrowth within the pyroxenites themselves, but requires the presence of a radiogenic 'exotic' component.

5. Discussion

5.1. Hybrid pyroxenites formed by melt-rock reaction

Any petrological model for the formation of the concordant pyroxenite layers must account for: (1) their replacement textures, which indicate that they formed by melt-rock reaction; (2) their high, peridotite-like Os, Ir and Ru concentrations, requiring that they formed from peridotite; (3) their radiogenic Os isotopic signature; (4) the cm-scale Os isotope heterogeneity in the mantle layering domain, *i.e.*, from pyroxenite layers into immediately adjacent peridotite. The only petrogenetic models that can explain all the above features involve a reaction between peridotite and an exotic silica-rich agent with a radiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratio. Similar reactions between peridotites and silica-rich melts or fluids have been suggested to play a key role in the formation of pyroxenites within subcontinental mantle (Kelemen *et al.*, 1998; Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Bodinier *et al.*, 2008; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010) and in supra-subduction zone oceanic mantle (Batanova & Sobolev, 2000; Berly *et al.*, 2006; Garrido *et al.*, 2007; Dhuime *et al.*, 2007; Ackerman *et al.*, 2009).

5.2. A slab-derived metasomatic agent?

In the case of supra-subduction zone mantle, it has been proposed that silica-rich aqueous fluid or hydrous melt, in part derived from slab-melting or dehydration, can react with shallow-level mantle wedge peridotite and precipitate pyroxene at the expense of olivine (Kelemen *et al.*, 1998) thus producing reaction-type 'hybrid pyroxenite' (Berly *et al.*, 2006; Ackerman *et al.*, 2009). We explored the viability of this model for the Dramala case, even though it is inconsistent with the notion that there is no record of hydrous melting or hydrous metasomatism in the Dramala peridotites based on light element concentrations (Li, Be, B; Pelletier *et al.*, 2008). In this model, the radiogenic Os isotopic character of the Dramala pyroxenites must ultimately be derived from the subducted slab and be carried over a large distance towards the mantle wedge. Metasomatized peridotite xenoliths from mantle wedge localities generally have more radiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios than unmetasomatized mantle (figure 4), but there is an inverse relation between $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ and Os concentration, with radiogenic values around 0.15 so far only found in extremely Os depleted (<0.03 ng/g) mantle wedge peridotites; Such unusual peridotites may have had their Os removed by oxidizing fluids before metasomatism by a slab-derived agent (Widom *et al.*, 2003). Therefore, as emphasized by Richter and co-workers (2002), there is no support in natural mantle rocks for the existence of metasomatic agents in subduc-

tion zone settings that carry sufficient Os over large distances to produce pyroxenites with the unique combination of high Os concentrations (1-10 ng/g) and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} > 0.15$. Moreover, in the case of the Pindos oceanic basin at 170 Ma, subducted ocean crust from any of the Neo-Tethyan oceanic domains could not have been older than 60 Ma, as the opening of the Neo-Tethys started in the middle-late Triassic in the region. Subducted 60 Ma ocean crust with a realistic bulk $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio of 50 (a typical value for eclogitic oceanic crustal rocks from Dale *et al.*, 2007) could only have attained an $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio of ~0.17-0.18 at the time of the ophiolite formation. A mixing model between peridotite (3.3 ng/g Os with $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1250$) and a realistic slab-derived melt or fluid (0.02 ng/g Os with $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.16$) cannot explain the composition of the Pindos concordant pyroxenites (figure 5: model A), nor can a model involving a more radiogenic slab component ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.20$) unusually rich in Os (0.1 ng/g; figure 5: model B). The formation of the Dramala concordant pyroxenites requires a metasomatic agent with $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ significantly higher than 0.20, considering that they are formed – in part – from peridotite having Os concentrations 100-1000 higher than any realistic source for the fluid or melt. Subducted sediments or basalts need less ageing to arrive at such radiogenic values, given their higher Re/Os ratios, but such rocks are too poor in Os (<0.01 ng/g; Brandon *et al.*, 2007; Dale *et al.*, 2007; Penniston-Dorland *et al.*, 2012), to be an important source of radiogenic Os in the postulated silica-rich hydrous melt or fluid. Given these constraints, we conclude that a slab origin for the silica-rich metasomatic agent is unlikely for the Dramala case.

In addition, it is crucial that we recognize that there are instances of pyroxenites that have high Os concentrations and an Os radiogenic character in mantle rocks that are not from subduction zone environments. A key example for our discussion is the Totalp massif (Switzerland), a fragment of subcontinental mantle lithosphere exhumed to Tethys ocean floor by rifting before the on-set of subduction in the Tethys domain (*e.g.*, Van Acken *et al.*, 2010). The massif contains websterites that have high Os concentrations (>1 ng/g) and radiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratios (>0.15). These occur together with garnet-bearing clinopyroxenites, often with the websterites forming the margin of the clinopyroxenites. It has recently been shown that the Totalp pyroxenites formed by melt-rock reaction (Van Acken *et al.*, 2010). Clearly, the occurrence of pyroxenites very similar to the Dramala pyroxenites within continental mantle rocks from a non-subduction zone environment points to the existence of a general petrogenetic process that does not necessarily involve a slab-component. The process that we propose below involves the melting of *in-situ*, pre-existing eclogitic layers within the mantle. This process may operate in continental mantle, in normal oceanic mantle, as well as in mantle wedge environments (*e.g.*, Pearson *et al.*, 1993). We do not rule out that some mantle wedge pyroxenites can form by reaction with a slab-derived component (McInnes *et al.*, 1999; Batanova & Sobolev, 2000; Richter *et al.*, 2002; Ackerman *et al.*, 2009). However,

the eclogite model proposed below can also explain the presence of Os-rich, radiogenic pyroxenite in supra-subduction zone mantle without the need to invoke long-range (>1 km) transport of radiogenic Os by a slab-derived fluid/melt.

5.3. Hybrid pyroxenites and ancient mafic layers

A petrogenetic model that involves melting of in-situ, geologically old (>c. 1 Ga), silica-rich layers with moderate to high Re/Os ratios (figure 5) meets all the above requirements. A similar model involving eclogite-derived melts has been proposed for continental mantle pyroxenites (Garrido & Bodinier, 1999; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010). It is supported by results from high-pressure sandwich experiments of peridotite in contact with an eclogitic mafic layer undergoing partial melting (Yaxley & Green, 1998; Yaxley & Sobolev, 2007; Mallik & Dasgupta, 2012). These experiments show that at high pressures (>2 GPa) partial melts of the mafic layer with high silica-activities layer react with the enclosing peridotite to form secondary hybrid pyroxenite, consisting of a garnet-clinopyroxenite centre with an orthopyroxene-rich zone in contact with unreacted peridotite. This is essentially due to variations in melt/rock ratios, with reactions with low melt/rock ratios at the contact with peridotite producing a relatively refractory orthopyroxene-rich marginal zone (see also Lambart *et al.*, 2012). We propose that the concordant pyroxenite layers are the melting residues of such hybrid pyroxenites formed at high pressure in the upwelling mantle underneath a ridge system (figure 6). With ongoing low-pressure melting, for instance underneath a mid-ocean ridge system, any residue of the mafic layer and the garnet-clinopyroxenite should progressively melt-out or be transformed to peridotite or dunite (Lambart *et al.*, 2012), leaving behind the relatively refractory outer orthopyroxene-rich reaction zone (Yaxley & Green, 1998). This two-stage process can explain the nature of the mantle layering observed in our study area (figure 2, 6). Based on our observations alone, we cannot rule out that the central silica-rich layers had a felsic or pelitic composition. However, trace element and isotope geochemistry of MORB suggest that mafic lithologies are a common component in the MORB-source region (e.g., Niu *et al.*, 1997; Donnelly *et al.*, 2004), whereas such evidence for felsic or pelitic components is rare. Mafic layers with ages in excess of c. 1 Ga can produce melts that are radiogenic enough ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} > \sim 1$) to produce radiogenic pyroxenites by reaction with peridotite, even if these melts carry very little Os. Mafic layers in continental mantle massifs such as Horoman, Ronda, Beni Bousera, and Totalp - thought to represent ancient basaltic cumulates or recycled oceanic crust - have high $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (0.8-2.3), with Os concentrations of 0.04-0.4 ng/g (Reisberg *et al.*, 1991; Kumar *et al.*, 1996; Saal *et al.*, 2001; Pearson & Nowell, 2004; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010).

We applied a modified version of the quantitative melt-hybridization model of Sobolev *et al.* (2008) to show that reaction between melts derived from the com-

plete melting of 1-3 Ga old mafic layers, and wall-rock peridotite, followed by melting of the resultant hybrid pyroxenite, can produce the radiogenic composition and high Os concentration of the observed pyroxenite layers in Dramala. The model for the Os evolution of mafic layers in the mantle (table SI-2) is run with starting compositions for the mafic layers resembling aged basalt ($^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}=240$) or bulk ocean crust ($^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}=50$). We have also taken the present-day composition of actual typical mafic layers in the Horoman, Beni Bousera peridotite and Totalp massifs as the starting point for the next step. It is subsequently assumed that these layers melt completely at pressures in excess of 2 GPa (~ 65 km depth) underneath the Pindos spreading centre, and that the melt reacts with the wall-rock peridotites to form a hybrid pyroxenite. We use the most simple reaction model, *i.e.*, one of mixing-assimilation of melt and peridotite; such a simple model is not meant to describe the behaviour of the lithophile elements during the reaction, but may, as a first approximation, give an insight in the behaviour of the IPGE such as Os (Sobolev *et al.*, 2008). Different values for the fraction of peridotite-derived Os (X_{perid}) in the hybrid pyroxenite are explored. It is then assumed that both the peridotite and the hybrid pyroxenite undergo further partial decompression melting at lower pressure during upwelling underneath the spreading centre. The melting is modelled as batch melting. The degree of low-pressure melting of the peridotite is fixed at 15%, and different values for the degree of melting of the pyroxenite (F_{pxt}) are explored.

We find that model runs with mafic layers with basaltic or bulk ocean crustal compositions with ages between 1 and 3 Ga give final compositions for the pyroxenite after mid-ocean ridge melting that are similar to some of the Dramala concordant pyroxenites ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}=0.14-0.18$, Os~2-3 ng/g). The same applies to models involving mafic layers such as found in Horoman, Beni Bousera and Totalp, which have typical calculated model ages of 0.5-1.3 Ga. In general, the Os concentration constraint requires that the fraction of peridotite-derived Os in the hybrid pyroxenite (X_{perid}) is high, 0.4-0.6, and that the degree of melting of the hybrid pyroxenite is also high, 0.4-0.7. This is in agreement with experimental data suggesting that pyroxenites start to melt at greater depth and melt faster in the MORB-source region than peridotites, due to their lower solidus temperatures and higher melt productivity (Hirschmann & Stolper, 1996; Pertermann & Hirschmann, 2003; Kogiso *et al.*, 2004; Sobolev *et al.*, 2008).

However, the model cannot account for those concordant pyroxenites with high Os concentrations of 3-9.4 ng/g; these high concentrations, in particular those in excess of the typical Primitive Upper Mantle concentrations (~3.9 ng/g; Becker *et al.*, 2006), probably require precipitation of Os-bearing cumulate phases such as (Os,Ir,Ru)-rich alloys from the eclogite-derived melt during the formation of the hybrid pyroxenites. Precipitation of such Os-rich alloys could have been a direct result of the reaction between mafic layer-derived melt with peridotites during the formation of the hybrid pyroxenites at depth.

Sulfide solubility in silicate melt is sensitive to the degree of polymerization of the melt, and a separate PGE-rich sulfide phase in a silica-rich melt can be dissolved in the silicate melt due to melt depolymerization (Ballhaus *et al.*, 2006) associated with SiO₂-loss as a result of the transformation of olivine to orthopyroxene in the reacted peridotite; PGE initially hosted in the sulfide phase can then precipitate as discrete alloy phases (Ballhaus *et al.*, 2006). We propose that this process may scavenge a significant proportion of the PGE from the melted mafic layer.

The variations in ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os isotope ratios that we measured can be explained by variations in peridotite proportions (or, in other words, variations in melt/rock ratios) in the hybrid pyroxenites in the above model. Qualitatively, we observed that the lowest Os isotope ratios are found in the thinner pyroxenites (≤ 2 cm, table SI-2), suggesting that thinner hybrid pyroxenites contain a larger peridotite proportion.

6. Conclusions – a veined upper mantle domain

The proposed petrogenetic model is nearly identical to the recently proposed ‘double distillation’-type model for OIB petrogenesis, where it is argued that high-pressure melting of hybrid pyroxenites formed by melt-rock reactions produces the alkalic melt fractions that carry the HIMU (high ²³⁸U/²⁰⁴Pb) signature (Hirschmann *et al.*, 2003; Sobolev *et al.*, 2007; 2008; Mallik & Dasgupta, 2012). Estimates for the ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os composition of the HIMU component in the mantle source are 0.14-0.16 (Reisberg *et al.*, 1993; Hauri & Hart, 1993; Lassiter *et al.*, 2000). Our data show that pyroxenite layers with such radiogenic Os isotope compositions do indeed exist on a <10 cm scale in the upper mantle, and that they can in part be preserved in highly refractory mantle rocks that have seen extensive melting and late-stage melt-percolation at an oceanic spreading centre.

Concordant pyroxenites in the Dramala Complex are very abundant in the km-scale study area, with typically at least one pyroxenite present in a metre-long section, but they are much rarer or absent in other areas in the same massif. If each of the concordant pyroxenites represents the refractory reacted wall rock of a melted eclogitic layer, then eclogitic layers were locally abundant in the oceanic mantle source rock before melting. A simple budget estimation suggests that each concordant hybrid pyroxenite with >1 ng/g Os containing a 50% contribution of Os from an eclogite precursor (as in the numerical model outlined above) must have concentrated the Os from a typical eclogite layer with ≤ 0.1 ng/g Os that was one order of magnitude thicker than the final hybrid pyroxenite. This suggests that a typical precursor eclogite layer with symmetrical hybrid pyroxenite margins had a thickness of 0.5-2 m. We conclude that the Dramala pyroxenite layers are the final melting residue of metre-scale, billion-year old ‘eclogitic’ veins in a kilometre-scale marble cake domain in the oceanic mantle. The Dramala Complex may represent the melting residue of a

mantle domain containing recycled ocean crust (Hofmann & White, 1982; Allègre & Turcotte, 1986; Morishita *et al.*, 2004) or of a raft of continental mantle lithosphere stranded in the oceanic mantle after continental break-up (Coltorti *et al.*, 2010). The preservation of abundant billion-year old lithological layers in the oceanic mantle suggests that mechanical mixing in the convecting mantle is ineffective even over long time-scales.

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Appendix A. Supplementary data

Supplementary data (tables SI-1 and SI-2, figures SI-1 and SI-2) and a KML-file with sample locations can be found online at

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Figure 1. Regional geology of the Pindos Ophiolite. **A.** Section across the Pindos Ophiolite, showing the Dramala Complex thrust sheet overlying the Aspropotamos Complex thrust sheet, with the tectonic contact marked by metamorphic sole rocks. The Dramala Complex has a Mid-Ocean Ridge (MOR), whereas the Aspropotamos has a Supra-Subduction Zone (SSZ) character. Approximate structural position of the mantle layering domain discussed in the text is also shown. Figure modified from Rassios and Moores (2006). **B.** Geological map of the northern part of the Dramala Massif in the Valia Kalda National Park, based on our own mapping and on the 1:100,000 map of the Pindos Ophiolite by Rassios & Grivas (c. 2007). Map shows sample locations and the traces of foliations in mylonite, fine-grained tectonite and coarse-grained tectonites (terminology of Ceuleneer & Rabinowicz, 1992) that we mapped in blue, purple and red respectively. The study area with coarse-grained peridotite tectonites and prominent mantle layering is marked by the circle. Roads/tracks and UTM coordinates (WGS'84 and Greek Map Datum GGRS – EGSA87) are from 1:50,000 topographic map, Valia Kalda sheet (Anavasi Publishers, Athens, 2006). See also KML file with sample coordinates in supplementary information.

Figure 2. Mantle layering in the Dramala Complex. **A–B.** Field aspect of mantle layering parallel to the S to SW-dipping tectonite foliation (dashed white line) described in the text. Pyroxenite layers are denoted with 'pxt'; note the set of four closely-spaced parallel (transposed) pyroxenites and the thicker pyroxene-poor harzburgite above them in panel A. **C.** Field aspect of mantle layering with thin pyroxenites, cross-cut by two thin, late-stage cumulate pyroxenites. **D.** Photomicrograph in crossed-polarized light of interior part of a concordant pyroxenite layer, showing orthopyroxene crystals (in shades of grey and pale brown) containing inclusions of clinopyroxene with nearly identical crystallographic orientations, a so-called orientation family (marked with white arrows).

Figure 3. Highly Siderophile Element (HSE) concentrations and Os isotope ratios of the studied samples. **A.** HSE concentrations, normalized to CI chondrite (Anders & Grevesse, 1989), in concordant pyroxenite samples. **B.** Normalized HSE concentrations in peridotites and in cross-cutting pyroxenite dykes. **C.** Present-day measured $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratios versus SiO_2/MgO (indicative of pyroxene content) in whole rock samples of peridotite and pyroxenite. **D.** Present-day measured $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ isotope ratios versus Os whole rock concentration in peridotite and pyroxenite samples. Grey bar in C and D corresponds to the range of Os isotope ratios found in Mesozoic ophiolitic chromitites (Walker *et al.*, 2002). Red cross indicates values for present-day Primitive Upper Mantle (Meisel *et al.*, 1996). Black error bars in C and D indicate typical total uncertainties.

Figure 4. **A.** Os concentrations and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratios of Dramala pyroxenites and peridotites, compared to metasomatized mantle wedge peridotites and continental mantle pyroxenites. Mantle wedge peridotites and continental pyroxenites show very different trends originating at a common peridotitic source, as indicated by the pink arrows. Also shown are eclogitic 160 Ma oceanic gabbros and basalts (Dale *et al.*, 2007), and pyroxenites from continental mantle massifs formed by reaction between peridotite and eclogite-derived melt (Reisberg *et al.*, 1991; Bodinier *et al.*, 2008; Van Acken *et al.*, 2010). Model curves with age labels represent typical 0–4000 Ma bulk ocean crust ($^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}=50$, $[\text{Os}]_{\text{init}}=0.023$ ng/g) and MORB ($^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}=240$, $[\text{Os}]_{\text{init}}=0.0086$ ng/g; values from Brandon *et al.*, 2007) at 170 Ma. Data for mantle wedge xenoliths from Brandon *et al.* (1996), McInnes *et al.* (1999), Widom *et al.* (2003), Handler *et al.* (2003) and Saha *et al.* (2005).

Figure 5. Results of simple mixing-assimilation modeling between peridotite and slab-derived melts/fluids or melts from complete melting of ancient mafic layer from Horoman, compared to Os (isotopic) compositions of peridotites and pyroxenites from the Dramala Complex. Outcomes of other models involving ancient mafic layers are given in table SI-2. PUM is Primitive Upper Mantle composition of Becker *et al.* (2006). Ticks on curves represent fraction of peridotite in the mix ($0 < X_{\text{perid}} < 1$). Grey areas to the left of the curves represent residues of up to 50% ($F=0.5$) batch melting of modeled mixtures. Models and parameters discussed in the text. Slab-derived fluids or hydrous melts are not radiogenic enough and carry only little Os and are unlikely sources of radiogenic Os in the Dramala concordant pyroxenites. In contrast, melts derived from geologically old ($>c. 1$ Ga) mafic layers in continental mantle massifs (e.g., Horoman) are much more radiogenic, and only relatively small fractions of such melt are required to explain the radiogenic isotope signatures and mantle-like Os concentrations in reaction-type pyroxenites. Inset diagram on top right shows enlargement of the most relevant part of the diagram, for Os concentrations between 1–10 ng/g, and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.12–0.22$, for the case involving the melting of a mafic layer from Horoman. Horizontal dashed lines are for different values (0.4–1.0) of the peridotite fraction in the hybrid pyroxenite (X_{perid}) formed by the reaction between peridotite and melt derived from the mafic layer, whereas curved steep lines are for different values of the subsequent degree of melting ($0 < F < 1.0$) of the hybrid pyroxenite at low pressure.

Figure 6. Petrogenetic model for the formation of the mantle layering, including the inferred grain-scale textural evolution. Billion-year old mafic layers (in red) melted at depth underneath the Mesozoic Pindos spreading center. Silica-rich melts reacted with wall-rock peridotite (in dark green) to form secondary hybrid pyroxenite reaction zones (bright

green and grey). The thus formed hybrid pyroxenite melted in the MORB-source region at depths <65 km together with peridotite to form MORB. In the melting column, percolation of melts caused pyroxene-dissolving melt-rock reactions, eventually leading to a mantle layering consisting of dunite (in orange), harzburgite with varying modal pyroxene proportions, and relic concordant pyroxenite layers. Wiggly arrows indicate melt percolation; white circles represent melting.

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Table 1. Highly siderophile element and Os isotope data for peridotite, pyroxenite samples and reference materials

Sample type/code	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	Precision RSD in %	Al ₂ O ₃ mass % ^a	Os mg/g	Ir mg/g	Ru mg/g	Pt mg/g	Pd mg/g	Re mg/g	Re/Os	$\pm 1\sigma$ (170) ^b
Concentrated pyroxenites											
PG 49-1	0.1653	3.4	1.62	4.10	3.25	6.05	9.43	2.37	0.075	0.019	+25.4
PG 50	0.1800	0.6	1.09	1.74	2.47	3.29	8.71	1.80	0.016	0.0291	+41.1
PG 52	0.1810	0.7	1.16	5.33	4.16	10.2	55.0	49.4	1.30	0.243	+39.3
PG 90	0.1892	0.6	3.00	4.85							
	0.1891	3.8		4.28	3.51	6.84	11.6	19.5	3.01	0.913	+38.5
PG 92	0.1525	0.4	3.63	9.36							
	0.1416	3.1		2.97	3.59	11.2	5.72	0.091	0.071	0.024	+10.8
PG 204	0.1904	0.5	0.93	5.93							+47.3 ^c
				4.39	3.50	8.41	26.3	28.2	0.814	0.185	+45.0 ^c
PG 206	0.1690	0.6	1.19	5.50							
				4.52	4.00	8.08	23.3	45.4	1.69	0.304	+47.9 ^c
PG 207	0.1940	2.0	1.32	6.08							
				5.36	3.09	7.88	15.9	14.6	3.73	0.695	
PG 208	0.1595	0.6	1.84	3.25							
	0.1635	2.2		3.60	2.80	6.31	16.8	6.58	0.151	0.0388	+27.9
PG 209-1	0.1416	1.4	1.06	8.30							+9.4 ^c
Peridotites											
PG 8	0.1236	0.9	0.33	2.12							
	0.1216	6.2		1.92	0.866	3.40	5.09	3.98	0.066	0.034	-5.0
PG 37	0.1244	0.5	0.40	3.82							-2.9 ^c
PG 49-2	0.1232	1.0	0.66	4.48	1.67	2.00	4.82	3.13	0.027	0.0051	-3.4
PG 209-2	0.1207	1.1	0.55	1.34							-5.1 ^c
	0.1196	2.9		1.58							-6.0 ^c
PG 211	0.1291	0.8	0.46	6.25	0.926	1.90	0.649	0.402	0.145		
	0.1295	1.4		4.84	3.71	7.35	9.05	8.48	0.409	0.0844	+0.8
Low-stress pyroxenites											
PG 7	0.1308	7.8	0.89	0.043							-6.5
				0.051	0.214	0.489	7.60	0.117	0.044	0.95	
PG 53	0.1256	1.0	0.82	0.264	0.216	0.134	35.9	22.3	0.025	0.093	-2.5
				0.033	0.071	0.301	61.7	0.685	0.073	2.2	
Reference materials											
TDB-1 (n=7) ^d	0.9818	11.5		0.11	0.08	0.22	5.55	21.0	0.78		
OKUM (n=8) ^e	0.2692	6.0		1.08	1.12	4.74	15.1	11.8	0.58		
GAS (n=1)	0.1208	0.5		3.04							
Reprocessed subset											
PG 52 pyroxenite	0.15166	2σ std. err. of the mean		5.40	5.05	12.4	45.4	67.8	1.30	0.24	+39.9
PG 49-2 peridotite	0.12254			4.30	3.67	6.99	7.82	7.15	0.097	0.020	-4.3
PG 49-2 peridotite	0.12372			4.25							

^a Measured by XRF.

^b Percent deviation at 170 Na from reservoir similar to ordinary and enstatite chondrites ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}=0.1287$ and $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}=0.4243$; Meisel et al., 1996).

^c Calculated combined isotope ratios and concentrations from two different runs.

^d Assuming a Re/Os ratio similar to that in the other peridotite samples.

^e TDB-1, OKUM isotope ratios, concentrations and uncertainties are calculated as averages out of at least seven runs.

Reprocessed sample subset measured by TIMS and ICP-SPMS; all other analyses were done by ICP-QMS.

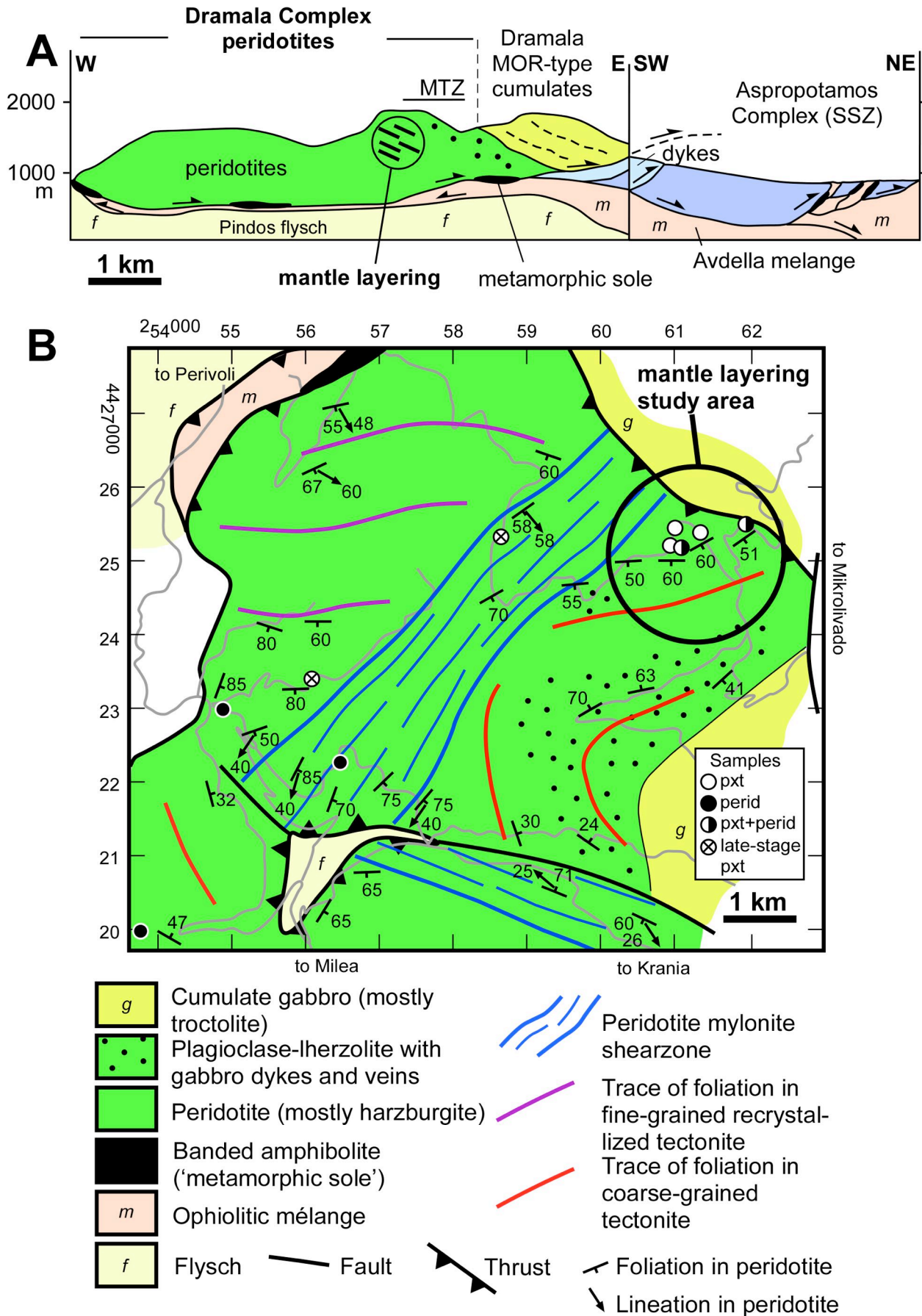


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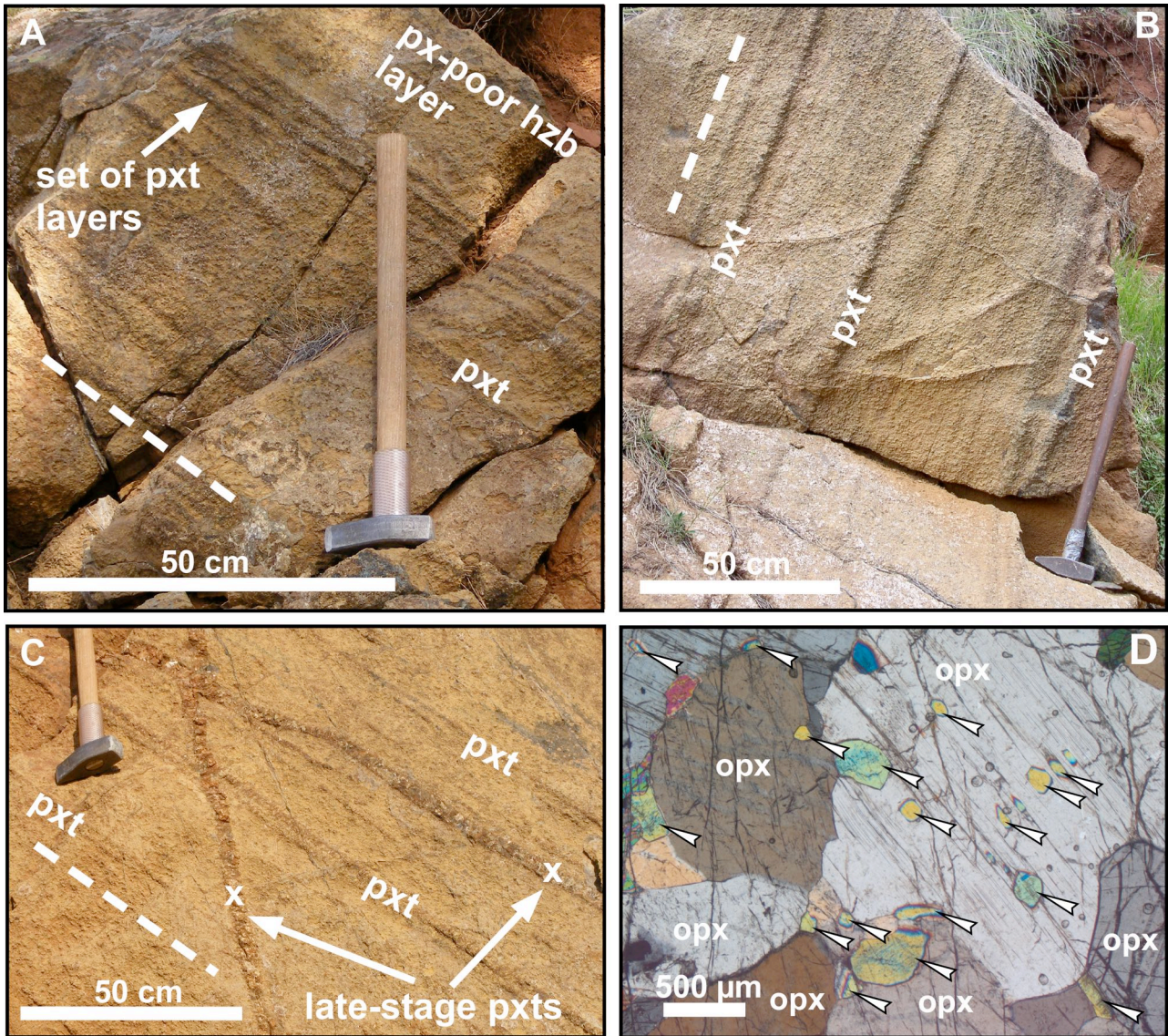


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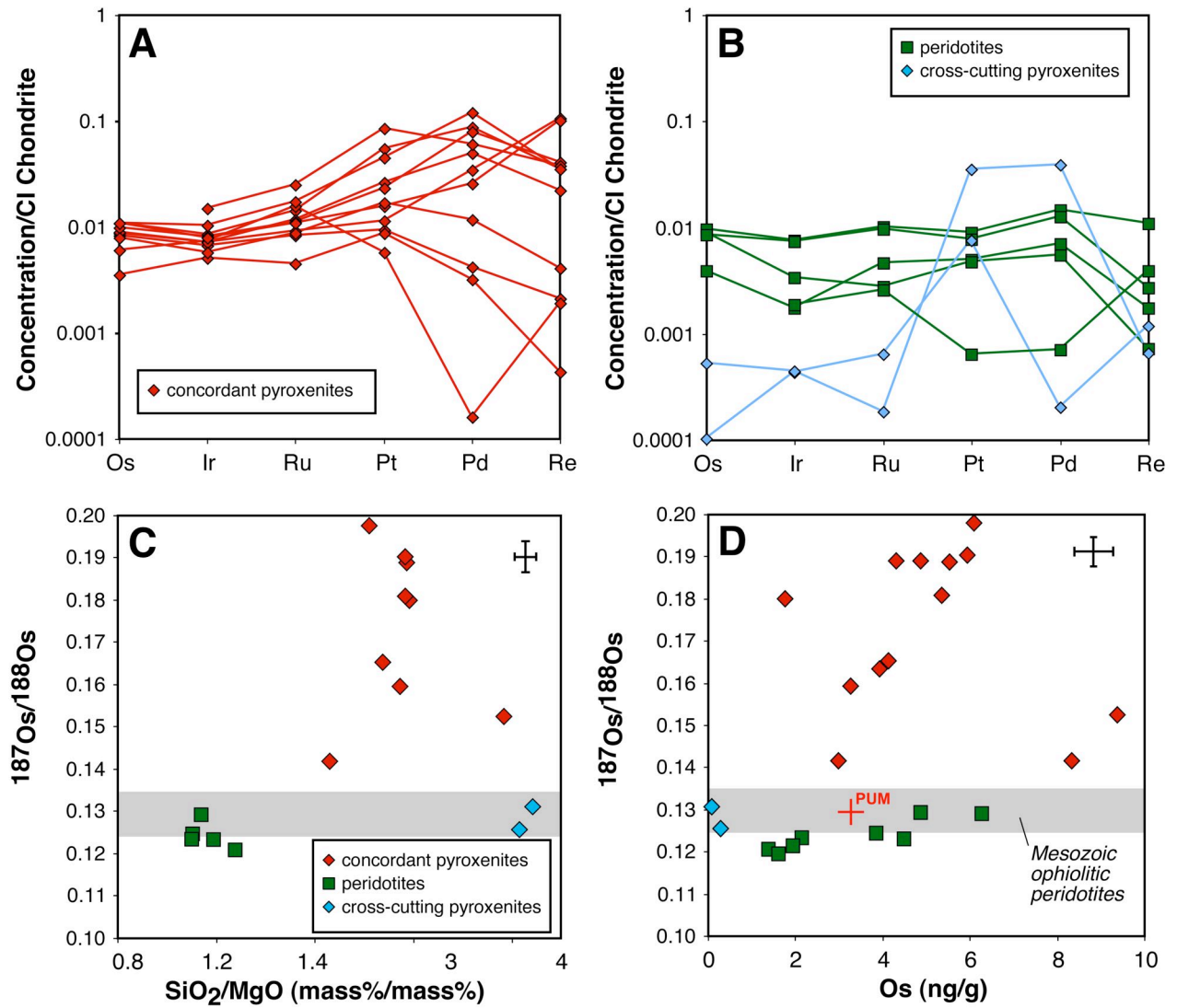


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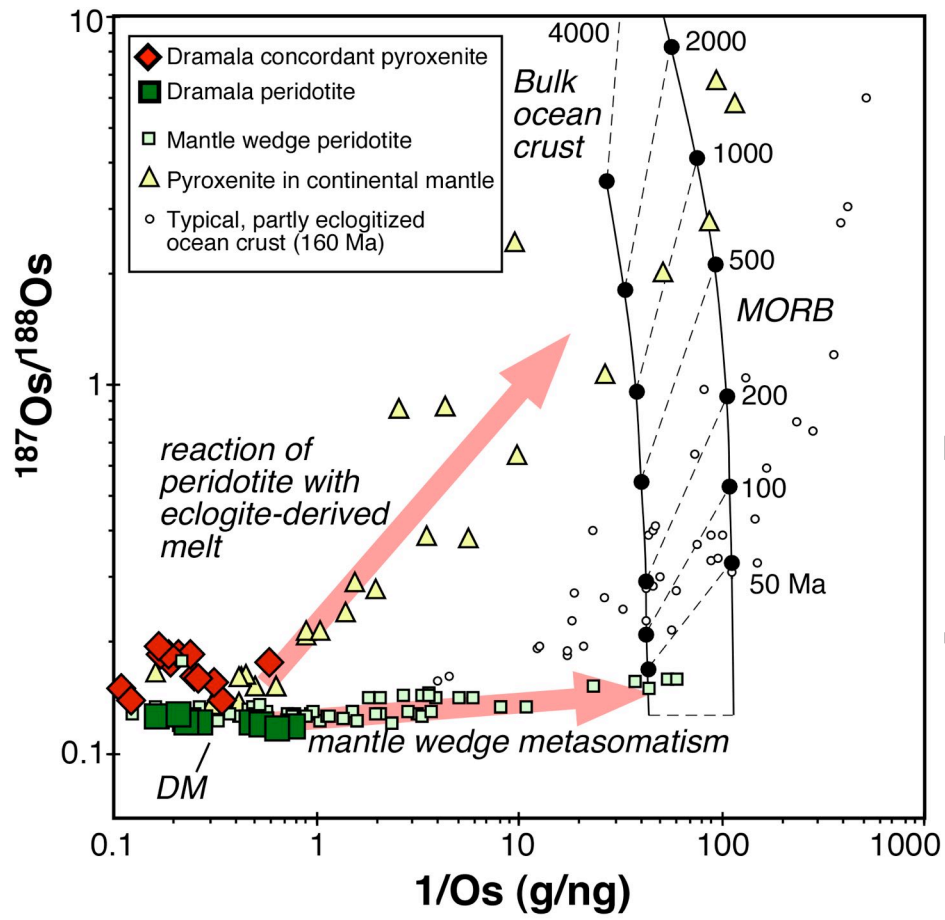
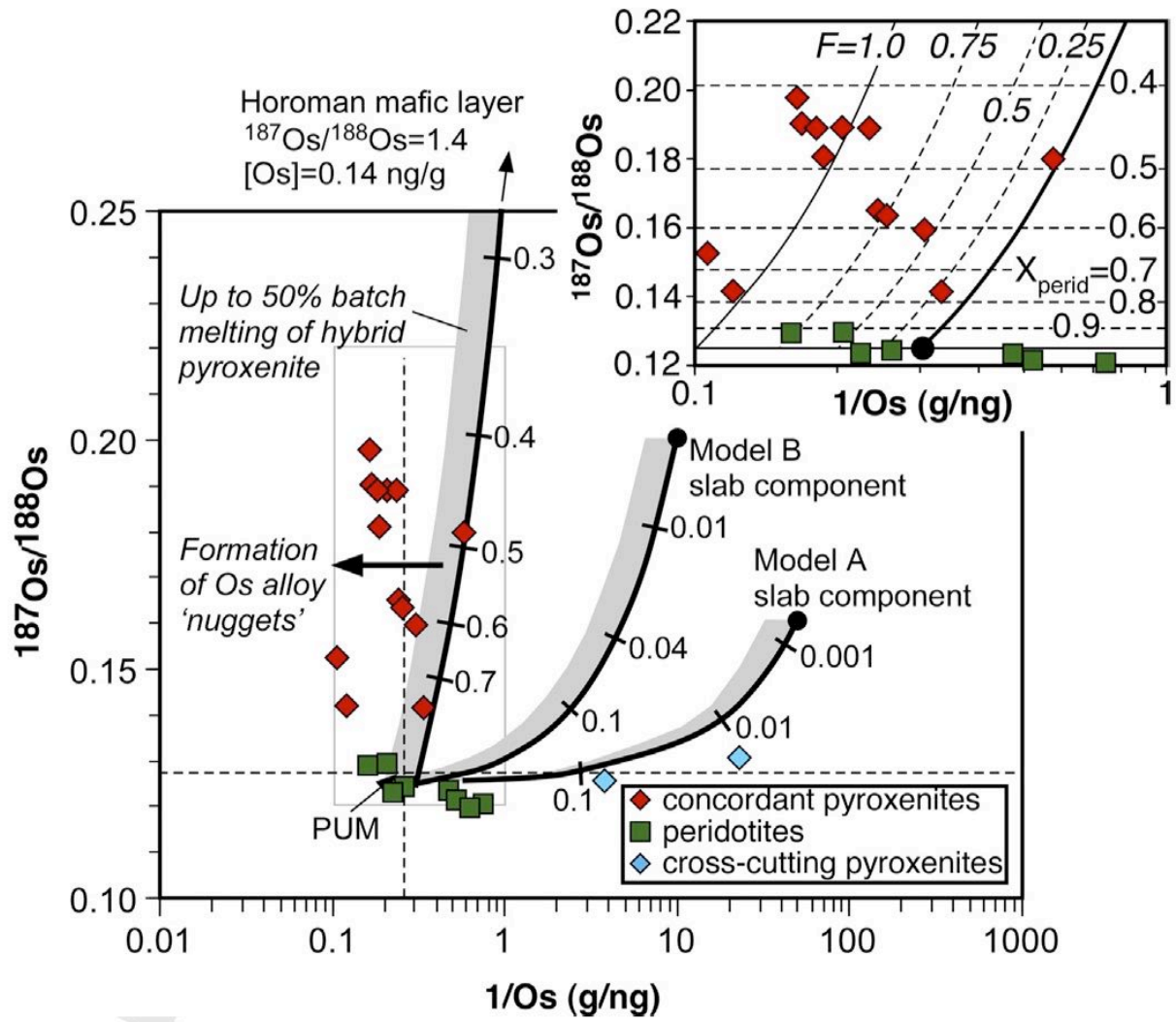


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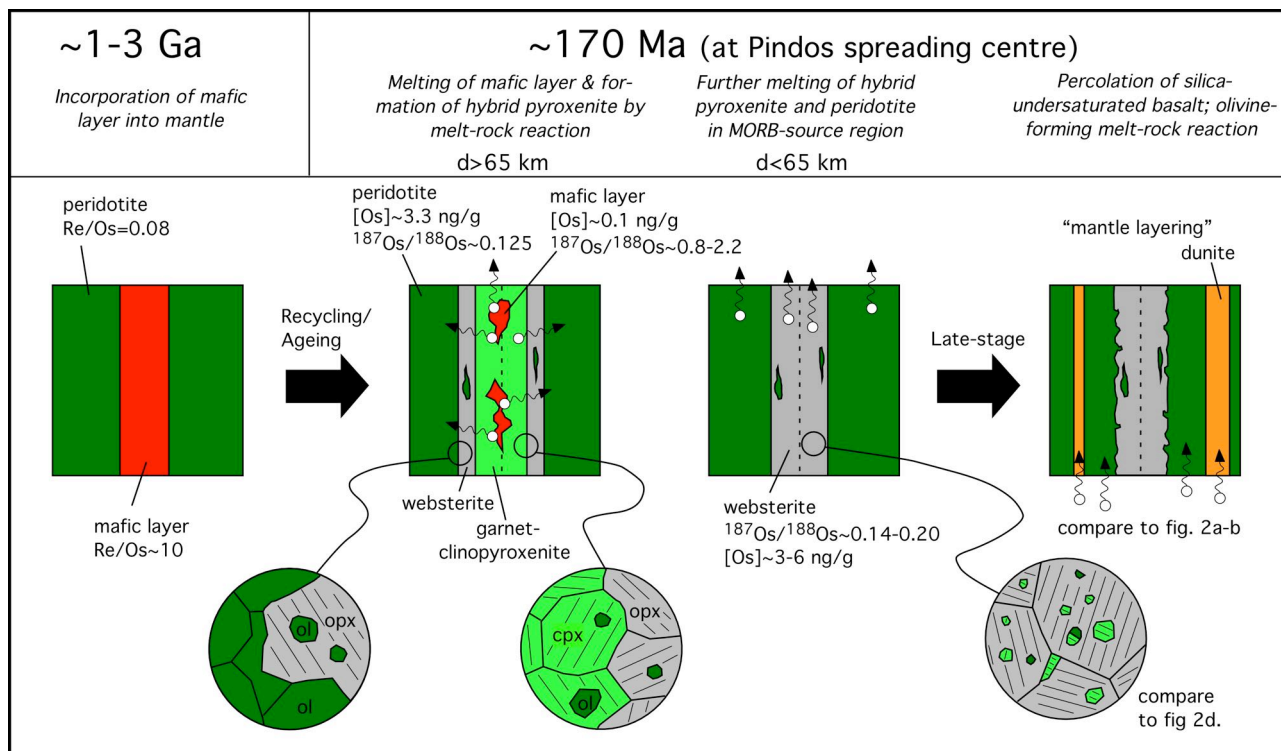


figure 6

Table S1-1. Whole rock compositions of the studied rock samples

approx. thickness (cm)	Concomitant pyroxenites				Peridotites				Late stage pyroxenites			
	P1048-1	P1052	P1080	P1082	P1204	P1206	P1207	P1208	P1209-1	P149-2	P1209-2	P1211
Sample coordinates (WGS84)	opdt	opdt	webot	webot	webot	opdt	opdt	opdt	opdt	web	web	web
latitude	39° 56.915'	56.810'	53.690'	53.690'	56.754'	56.884'	56.709'	56.709'	56.662'	56.915'	56.959'	56.846'
longitude	21° 12.981'	12.530'	07.224'	07.224'	12.236'	12.280'	12.280'	12.280'	12.303'	12.981'	12.303'	10.635'
XRF whole rock data (mass%)												
SiO ₂	51.47	51.05	50.19	51.23	50.15	50.70	48.64	49.49	47.07	43.98	44.54	56.56
TiO ₂	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.025	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
Al ₂ O ₃	1.62	1.09	3.00	3.63	0.93	1.19	1.32	1.84	1.06	0.86	0.55	0.89
FeO	7.91	7.45	7.86	7.10	7.14	7.02	8.18	7.69	7.66	9.24	8.72	8.37
MnO	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.13
MgO	37.13	36.85	36.19	32.32	36.24	36.53	37.03	36.01	38.02	44.32	42.94	34.85
CaO	1.81	1.96	1.96	4.21	2.61	1.85	1.67	2.07	1.63	0.81	0.95	1.36
Na ₂ O	0.10	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
K ₂ O	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.67	0.82	0.67	0.48	0.76	0.85	0.84	0.80	0.85	0.37	0.35	0.40
LOI	99.18	99.56	100.0	99.12	97.07	98.20	97.83	98.15	98.25	99.46	98.21	100.1
FeO*	nd	nd	nd	nd	4.02	3.32	5.16	3.09	5.63	nd	7.49	nd
	7.12	6.70	7.07	6.38	6.43	6.32	7.36	6.02	7.07	8.26	7.85	5.73
XRF whole rock data (wt%)												
Ba	<10	16	<10	36	36	<10	<10	22	15	<10	17	51
Cr	4582	6293	4613	3274	5195	5648	5716	6142	4415	2541	2410	2811.0
Cu	<2	80	262	<2	51	51	318	13	62	5	<2	<2
Ni	1515	1772	2164	1196	1554	1735	2636	1549	1929	2462	2461	830
Zn	54	45	48	39	43	39	53	47	46	49	45	37

nd, not determined

Table S1-2: Results of melt-hybridization model after Sobolev et al. (2008) for different starting compositions of mafic layers, ages and other model parameters. Model assumes that melt from mafic layer reacts (is mixed) with peridotite to form a hybrid pyroxenite, which further melts underneath a mid-ocean ridge to produce a residual pyroxenite. The process is assumed to take only a few million years (i.e., negligible ingrowth of ^{18}O during the hybridization and melting).

	Basalt 1*	Basalt 2*	Bulk OC*	Bulk OC*	Mafic*	Horoman*	Beni B-1*	Beni B-2*	Total*	Av. Cont. crust
Mafic layer										
Age of mantle extraction (Ma)	1000	2500	1800	3000	2000	~1250	~540	~1300	~1050	1500
$^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$ at time of extraction*	0.1181	0.1075	0.1125	0.1039	0.1111					0.1146
$[\text{O}_2]$ in mafic layer initially (mg/g)	0.00856	0.00856	0.03	0.03	0.1					0.05
$^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ in mafic layer	240	240	50	50	50	60.6	78.8	47.3	42.8	50
at time of interest t (~ 170 Ma):										
$[\text{O}_2]$ in mafic layer at time t (mg/g)	0.013	0.020	0.036	0.040	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.09	0.40	0.058
$^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ in mafic layer at time t	4.09	9.92	1.59	2.55	1.75	1.40	0.83	1.13	0.87	1.35
Batch melting of mafic layer										
F (degree of melting of mafic layer)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9	1
$D^{18}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
$[\text{O}_2]_{\text{melt}}$ (mg/g)	0.013	0.020	0.036	0.040	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.09	0.33	0.058
Hybridization of melt-rock peridotite										
$[\text{O}_2]$ in melt-rock peridotite	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
$X_{\text{pyroxenite-derived O}_2}$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
$^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ hybrid pyroxenite	0.1407	0.1842	0.1408	0.1684	0.1832	0.1769	0.1783	0.1645	0.1719	0.1463
$[\text{O}_2]$ in hybrid pyroxenite (mg/g)	1.66	1.66	1.67	1.34	1.71	1.72	1.43	1.37	2.11	1.68
Batch melting of hybrid pyroxenite at ridge										
F (degree of melting of hybrid pit)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
$D^{18}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
$[\text{O}_2]$ in hybrid pyroxenite residue (mg/g)	2.48	2.49	2.50	2.52	2.57	2.58	2.38	2.29	2.88	2.52

* Re and Os concentrations in basalt based on Brandon et al. (2007). Re/Os ratio is based on mean of all data weighted by Os concentration.

* Re and Os concentrations in hypothetical mafic layer based on typical values from mafic pyroxenites from Horoman & Beni Bousera (see below).

* Os concentrations, $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ and $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$ ratios based on average of two mafic layers from Horoman in Sait et al. (2001).

* Os concentrations, $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ and $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$ ratios based on mafic pyroxenite GPR-47M from Beni Bousera from Pesenson & Nowell (2004).

* Os concentrations, $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ and $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$ ratios based on mafic pyroxenite Gs from Beni Bousera from Kumar et al. (1996).

* Os concentrations, $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ and $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{mantle}}$ ratios based on garnet-chloropyroxenite from Totipo from van Acken et al. (2010).

* Assuming $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}_{\text{O}_2}$ of the upper mantle at time of interest (~ 170 Ma) is 0.1250.

* Assuming that the original mafic layer melts (almost) completely during upwelling underneath a mid-ocean ridge.

* Partition coefficients for Os partitioning between melt and residue for sulfur-undersaturated ($D=3$) conditions (taken as in Sobolev et al., 2008).

* Weight fraction of Os derived from peridotite in the hybrid pyroxenite.

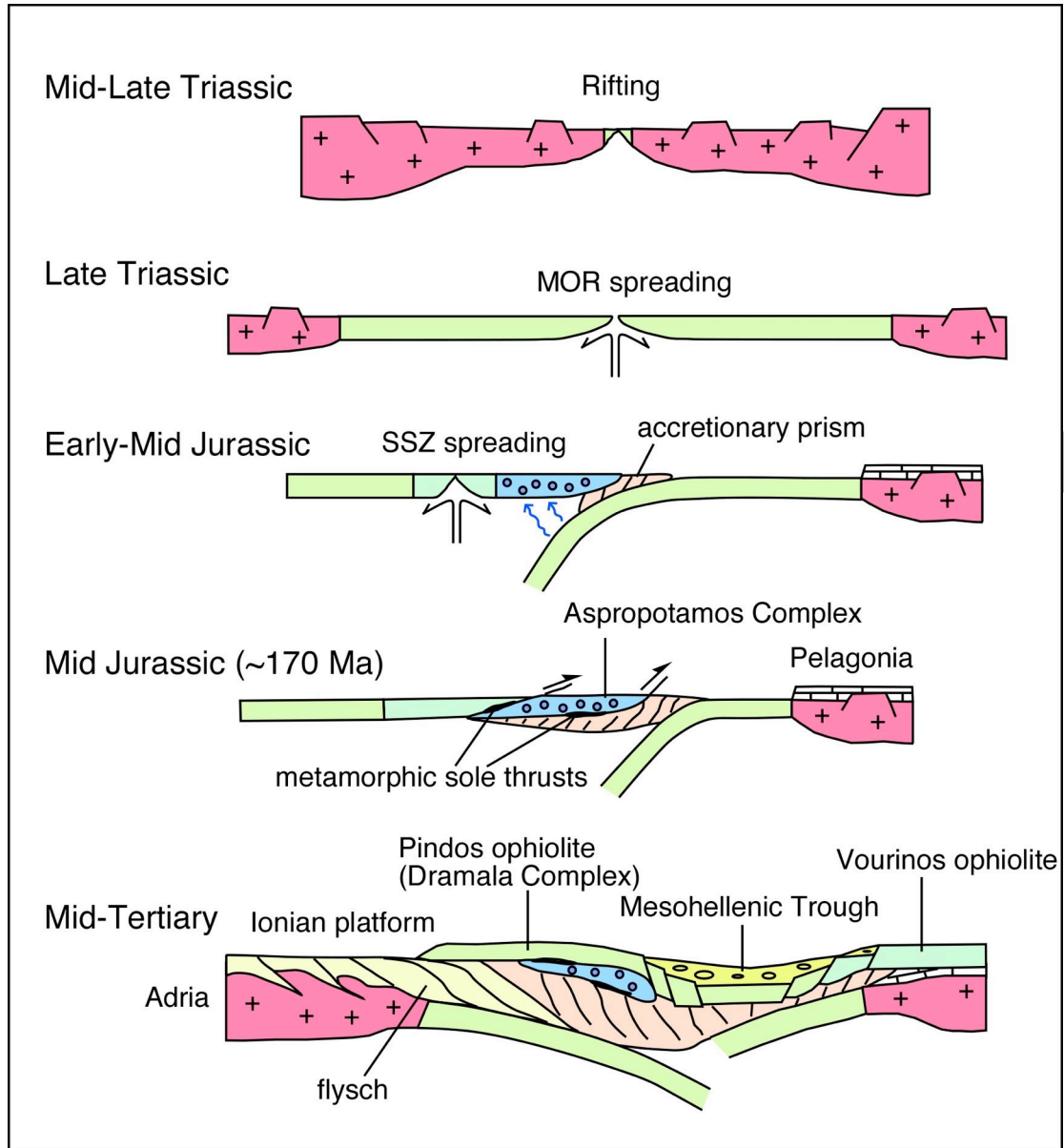


Figure SI-1. Tectonic evolution of the oceanic basin in which the Pindos Ophiolite was formed, based on reconstruction of Pe-Piper and Piper (The igneous rocks of Greece. The anatomy of an orogen. Gebrüder Borntraeger, Berlin, 2002). Note the position of the Dramala Complex (our study area) containing mostly mantle rocks associated with some lower crustal cumulates with Mid-Ocean Ridge character, and the Aspropotamos Complex, a tectonic unit comprised of volcanic and plutonic rocks with MORB, island arc tholeiite and boninite affinities. The juxtaposition of two such different thrust sheets, with clear supra-subduction zone characteristics and with mid-ocean ridge characteristics, can be explained by the tectonic-paleogeographic reconstructions shown above: in these reconstructions, the Dramala Complex represents either Late Triassic-Early Jurassic lower oceanic crust and underlying mantle of the Neotethys, formed by mid-ocean ridge spreading *before* the onset of subduction in the region, or Early-Middle Jurassic oceanic crust and oceanic mantle formed in a back-arc region of the newly formed supra-subduction zone Pindos Basin, where no influence of the subduction zone is detected in the mantle. In either case, the Dramala Complex is representative for oceanic mantle from which MORB-like magmas were extracted. The Aspropotamos Complex (and the nearby Vourinos Ophiolite) represents the ocean crust that was strongly modified or newly formed by proto-arc magmatism in the fore-arc.

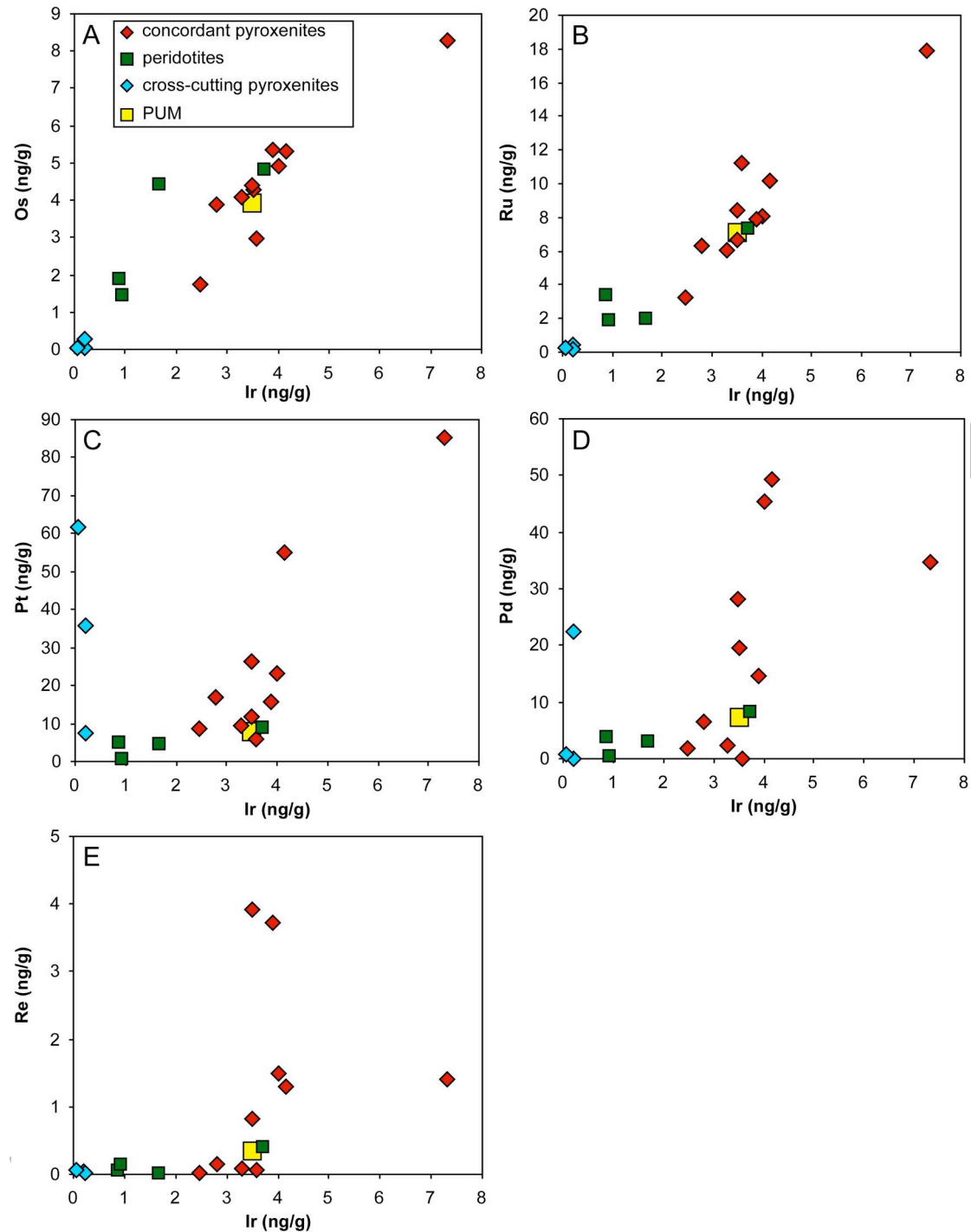


Figure SI-2 A-E. Highly siderophile element correlation diagrams for studied samples from Dramala. Yellow square represents Primitive Upper Mantle (PUM). Panels A and B show good correlations between Iridium-like Platinum Group Elements (IPGE: Os, Ir, Ru). Panels C-E show that Pt, Pd and Re concentrations are much more variable, with values that exceed PUM, and their concentrations seem mostly decoupled from IPGE. We observed good correlations between elevated Pt, Pd and Re concentrations and the presence of grain boundary (Cu,Ni,±Fe)-sulfides in concordant pyroxenite samples. Samples enriched in Pt, Pd and Re probably contain a (late-stage?) (Cu,Ni)-sulphide melt phase. In contrast, IPGE are probably hosted in Fe-rich monosulfides and/or alloys (see Ballhaus, C., Bockrath, C., Wohlgemuth-Ueberwasser, C., Laurenz, V. & Berndt, J., 2006. Fractionation of the noble metals by physical processes. *Contrib. Mineral. Petrol.* 152, 667-684).

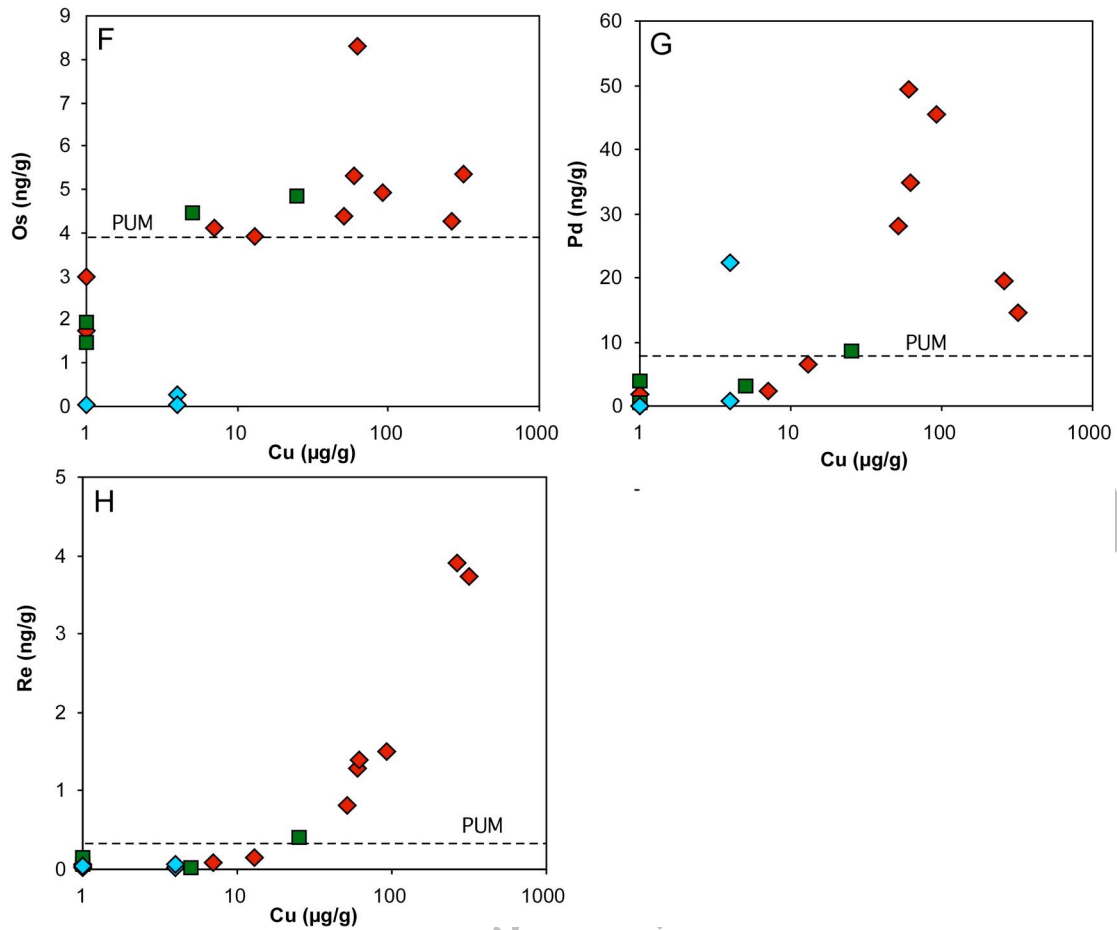


Figure SI-2 continued (panels F-H). Selected highly siderophile element concentrations vs Cu concentrations for studied samples from Dramala. Symbols as in panels A (previous page). Dashed horizontal line represents Primitive Upper Mantle (PUM) value for the HSE. Cu is used as a proxy for the presence of (Cu,Ni)-sulfides, assumed to be the main host for Pt, Pd and Re. This is confirmed by good correlations in panels G and H. In contrast, Os (and Ru and Ir) are assumed to be hosted in Cu-poor monosulfides and/or alloys. Cu concentrations plotted at 1 μg/g are actually below detection limit (2 μg/g).